

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic: Wells Japanese Garden

Location: Lindsay Street

Common:

Classification: Ornamental Gardens

Owner: City of Newberry
Newberry County Council
Newberry Opera House
Newberry, S.C. 29108

Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina
(1979 update)

Description: The Wells Japanese Garden is a small landscaped park which was privately developed in 1930 and donated to the city for public use in 1971. The garden contains a variety of indigenous and exotic flora in a landscaped setting accented by Japanese architectural elements which frame and overlook two small ponds. Egyptian lotus, Japanese iris, water lilies, crepe myrtles, dogwood, and cypress-almost fifty years old-embellish the garden, which is entered by a corner stone gatehouse under a tiled roof. Concrete bridges, executed in a Japanese design, span the ponds. A Japanese tea house under a tiled roof and a torii also enhance the setting. The gardens are contained in a triangular parcel, bounded on the east by a residential area and on the west by commercial buildings.

Significance: The Japanese garden was designed by W. Fulmer Wells, Newberry native and architect. The garden is a unique facet of the built environment of the city. It offers an outstanding combination in blending objects and natural materials for passive recreation use.

Acreage: .48

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Wells Japanese Gardens nomination is shown as the heavy black line on the accompanying map entitled "Wells Japanese Gardens" and drawn at a scale of 200 feet to the inch.

UTM Reference Point

17/442965/3793000

Other Information